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The following is a list of highway projects that may affect traffic in the 12-county Salem Transportation District during the next week. New information is noted by "####". For statewide traffic information for major roadways, dial 511 or visit www.511Virginia.org.

PLEASE NOTE: This release covers two weeks.

INTERSTATE 81

* **INTERSTATE 81 PAVING** – Weather permitting, lane closures may be in place for pavement repairs and paving on northbound and southbound I-81 in Botetourt County between mile markers 151 and 156. Work will be performed during nighttime hours from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m., Sunday through Thursday nights. In addition, guardrail work may cause shoulder closures during daytime hours, Monday through Friday.

* **INTERSTATE 81 BRIDGE PATCHING** – Weather permitting, lane closures may be in place for bridge patching on northbound and southbound I-81 at various locations between mile markers 150 in Botetourt County and 132 in Roanoke County. Work will be performed between 9 p.m. and 6 a.m., Sunday through Thursday.

* **INTERSTATE 81 MOWING** – Weather permitting, crews may mow along northbound and southbound I-81 between mile markers 130 and 174 in Roanoke and Botetourt counties. Watch for left lane closures during nighttime hours and alternating shoulder closures during daylight hours. In addition, flower bed maintenance may cause shoulder closures during daylight hours on I-81 in Botetourt, Roanoke, Montgomery and Pulaski counties.

* **INTERSTATE 81 POTHOLE PATCHING** – Weather permitting, crews plan to patch potholes on northbound and southbound I-81 between mile markers 87 and 174 in Botetourt, Roanoke, Montgomery and Pulaski counties. Work is tentatively planned for nighttime hours, Sunday, Nov. 15 through Thursday, Nov. 19. Mobile lane closures may be in place.

* **INTERSTATE 81 ROAD SWEEPING** – Weather permitting, crews will sweep on northbound and southbound I-81 between mile markers 87 and 130 in Pulaski and Montgomery counties. Work is tentatively scheduled for nighttime hours, Tuesday, Nov. 10 through Thursday, Nov. 12. Expect mobile lane closures.

ROANOKE

* **INTERSTATE 581/ROUTE 220 EXPRESSWAY ROAD SWEEPING** – Weather permitting, sweeping may cause mobile lane closures on I-581 and Route 220 Expressway in Roanoke. Watch for mobile lane closures during nighttime hours.

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ROANOKE COUNTY

* COLONIAL AVENUE IMPROVEMENTS – Work is under way to improve the 0.5-mile section of Colonial Avenue starting just west Route 687 (Penn Forest Boulevard) and extending to Route 419. A new roundabout at the Colonial Avenue and Penn Forest Boulevard intersection is open. Drivers need to be alert to new traffic patterns. Subsequent work will include straightening curves, drainage work, grading and realigning the intersection of Route 720 and Girard Drive. Periodic lane closures may be in place at various times and locations through the project. Estimated completion is August 2010.

* SHOULDER WORK (VARIOUS ROUTES) – Crews will be working on shoulders along several roads in Roanoke County during daylight hours from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Watch for signs and possible shoulder work along these routes:

- Route 116 from the Roanoke City limits to the Franklin County line
- Route 221 from Route 419 to the Floyd County line

*** ROUTE 220 CURB AND SHOULDER REPAIR** – Work is underway on shoulders along northbound Route 220 between Route 674 (Clearbrook Lane) and Route 789 (Old Rocky Mount Road). Shoulder closures may be in place during daylight hours between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

*** ROUTE 116 BRIDGE DECK REPLACEMENT** – Crews will be replacing the bridge deck on the Route 116 (Jae Valley Road) bridge over Back Creek. Drivers should watch for flaggers directing traffic from Route 939 (Aerospace Road) to the Roanoke City limits on weekdays during daylight hours.

*** ROUTE 1315 (BRIDLE LANE) UTILITY WORK** – Weather permitting, utility work will cause lane closures at locations on Route 1315 (Bridle Lane). Work may impact traffic during daylight hours on weekdays between 7:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.

*** ROUTE 1682 (SPRINGLAWN AVENUE) UTILITY WORK** – Weather permitting, watch for flaggers directing traffic on Route 1682 (Springlawn Avenue) between Route 613 (Merriman Road) and Route 907 (Ranchcrest Drive) during daylight hours on weekdays.

*** ROUTE 1034 CUL-DE-SAC INSTALLATION** - Weather permitting, crews will be installing a cul-de-sac at the end of Route 1034 (Chest Mountain Road). Drivers should watch for crews working in the right of way.

* ROUTE 649 BRIDGE REPLACEMENT – On Tuesday, Nov. 17, a section of Route 649 (Dry Hollow Road) in Roanoke County will be closed to through traffic from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Route 649 will be closed starting 0.7 mile north of Route 639 (West River Road) and extending to 1.3 miles from the end of state maintenance. The road will be closed, so the bridge over Dry Hollow Branch can be replaced. In addition, motorists should expect delays and watch for flaggers directing traffic in this area during daylight hours on Tuesday, Nov. 18 while crews pave.

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BEDFORD COUNTY

* **ROUTE 501 BRIDGE INSPECTION** – Weather permitting, on Thursday, Nov. 12, the Route 501 bridge over Judith Creek will be inspected. The bridge is located north of Lynchburg. Flaggers will direct traffic on Route 501 during the inspection between 1 and 5 p.m.

ROUTE 43 PAVEMENT MARKING – Weather permitting, lane closures may be in place for line marking and shoulder work on the newly paved section of Route 43 from Route 626 (Smith Mountain Lake Parkway) to Route 24 south (Shingle Block Road) in the Huddleston area. Work is scheduled to be performed during daytime hours beginning at 7 a.m. Traffic will be controlled with a pilot truck and flaggers. Motorists should watch for signs and use caution.

* **ROUTE 122 PAVING** - Weather permitting, lane closures may be in place for paving on a section of Route 122 from Route 675 north to Route 643 north. Work will be performed during daytime hours beginning at 7 a.m. Traffic will be controlled with a pilot truck and flaggers. Motorists should watch for signs and use caution.

* **ROUTE 221 WIDENING** – Work is underway to improve a 2.2 mile section of Route 221 from just west of the railroad tracks to east of Route 663 west of Forest. Work includes widening the road to four lanes with a center turn lane. The speed limit is reduced to 35 mph throughout the work zone. **Paving on this project will be performed during daytime hours. Drivers should watch for flaggers, be alert to changing traffic patterns and expect delays.** Estimated completion is late 2009. Route 221 is expected to open to traffic sometime in November.

* **MOWING (VARIOUS ROUTES)** – Weather permitting, crews will mow various routes in Bedford County. Watch for workers and equipment along the shoulders and possible lane closures during daylight hours on weekdays in these areas:

- Route 501 and Route 122 in the Big Island area
- Various secondary roads in the Irving and New London area
- Route 634 (Hardy Road) and Route 757 (Goodview/Goodview Town Road)
- Route 793 (Watson Road)

* **PAVEMENT PATCHING (VARIOUS ROUTES)** – Weather permitting, crews may patch pavement on various roads in Bedford County. Watch for flaggers directing traffic during daylight hours on weekdays on the following roads:

- Route 43 (Peaks Road) from Route 642 (Toms Road) to the Blue Ridge Parkway
- Various primary roads in the Big Island area

* **SHOULDER WORK (VARIOUS ROUTES)** – Weather permitting, crews may work on shoulders along on various roads in Bedford County. Watch for possible lane closures or flaggers directing traffic during daylight hours on weekdays on the following roads:

- Route 24 and Route 122 in the Smith Mountain Lake area
- Route 43 (Peaks Road) from Route 642 (Toms Road) to the Blue Ridge Parkway
- Routes 608, 655 and 757
- Various primary roads in the Big Island area

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BOTETOURT COUNTY

* INTERSTATE 81 OVERHEAD SIGN INSPECTION – Weather permitting, on Sunday, Nov. 15, the overhead sign structure located at mile marker 152.2 will be inspected. The inspection will cause lane closures beneath the structure on northbound and southbound I-81 between 7 a.m. and noon.

*** ROUTE 220 SHOULDER WORK** – Weather permitting, lane closures may be in place on weekdays during daylight hours on northbound and southbound Route 220 due to shoulder work at the entrance to Orchard Market Place. Drivers should watch for signs and expect possible delays.

CARROLL COUNTY

* INTERSTATE 77 PAVEMENT PATCHING – Weather permitting, crews plan to patch pavement on northbound and southbound I-77 in Carroll County. Daytime mobile lane closures are planned for weekdays during daylight hours.

* ROUTE 52 BRIDGE REPLACEMENT OVER LITTLE REED ISLAND CREEK – The Route 52 bridge over Little Reed Island Creek has reopened to traffic. The bridge is located two miles north of Hillsville. Temporary daytime lane closures may be in place as work is completed.

* ROUTE 58 PAVING – Weather permitting, crews will pave on Route 58 in the Laurel Fork community from Route 646 and the Floyd County Line. Work will be performed Monday through Friday, between 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. Traffic will be controlled with flaggers and a pilot vehicle. Drivers should watch for construction signs and expect delays.

* ROUTE 58 HILLSVILLE BYPASS CONSTRUCTION – Drivers on Route 58, Route 52, Route 703 (Gardner's Mill Road) and Route 780 (Howlett Street) can expect periodic lane closures with flaggers directing traffic between 7 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. on weekdays. **Weather permitting, a section of Route 780 (Howlett Street) in Hillsville will be closed on Tuesday, Nov. 17 from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. The section of Howlett Street starts 0.7 mile south of its intersection with Route 58 (West Stuart Drive) and extends to one mile west of its intersection with Route 52.** The speed limit on Route 52 is reduced to 25 mph starting 0.1 mile south of Archa Street (Route 1007) in Hillsville and extending to 0.5 mile north of the Hillsville town limits in Carroll County. Drivers should watch for new traffic patterns around the Route 58 and Gardner's Mill Road intersection. The speed limit on Route 58 starting 0.7 mile west of Gardner's Mill Road is reduced to 35 mph. The speed limit on Route 58 (Danville Pike) west of Hillsville between Route 669 (Spring Hollow Road) and Route 670 (Snake Creek Road) is reduced to 45 mph. The speed limit on Route 58 on the east end of the project is reduced to 35 mph from just west of Route 699 (Spring Hollow Road) to Route 666 (Merrimack Road). Drivers should expect possible delays.

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*** ROUTE 58 HILLSVILLE BRIDGE WORK** – As part of the current Hillsville Bypass construction project, a change in traffic pattern is in place on Route 58 in Hillsville. The eastbound Route 58 bridge over Little Reed Island Creek is closed for reconstruction. The bridge is located near Gardner Mill Road between the west limits of Hillsville and Interstate 77. The bridge is being widened, and the riding surface replaced. Route 58 traffic is reduced to one lane in each direction and shifted into the westbound lanes for about 0.8 mile, and the speed limit is reduced to 35 mph.

CRAIG COUNTY

*** ROUTE 311 AND ROUTE 42 PAVEMENT MARKING** – Weather permitting, crews will mark pavement on Route 311. Drivers should watch for mobile lane closures and pay attention to signs. Work will be performed on weekdays during daylight hours.

FRANKLIN COUNTY

* ROUTE 220 BRIDGE INSPECTION – Weather permitting, on Tuesday, Nov. 10, the Route 220 bridge over the railroad tracks will be inspected. The bridge is located near Rocky Mount. The inspection will cause various lane closures on northbound and southbound Route 220 from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

* ROUTE 220 BRUSH CUTTING – Weather permitting, crews will cut brush along Route 220 and at Route 220's interchange with Route 40. Watch for shoulder closures and possible lane closures on weekdays between 7:30 a.m. and 3 p.m.

* ROUTE 122 BRIDGE INSPECTION – Weather permitting, on Tuesday, Nov. 10, the Route 122 bridge over Maggodee Creek will be inspected. The bridge is located between Burnt Chimney and Rocky Mount. Flaggers will direct traffic on Route 122 between 1:30 p.m. and 4 p.m.

* ROUTE 116 MAINTENANCE – Work to grade along Route 116 may cause periodic lane closures on weekdays between 7:30 a.m. and 3 p.m.

*** ROUTE 634 BRIDGE REPAIRS OVER LYNVILLE CREEK** – Work is underway to repair the bridge on Route 634 (Eton Road) over Lynville Creek east of Hardy Ford. Traffic will be controlled with a temporary signal, and vehicles wider than 9 feet will be prohibited. The speed limit will be 35 mph through the work zone. Motorists can expect delays and should use caution. Estimated completion is in December.

*** ROUTE 602 (PIPE REPLACEMENT)** – Weather permitting, flaggers may direct traffic on Route 602 (Ferrum Mountain Road) at times between 7:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. on weekdays due to a pipe replacement.

* ROUTE 616 PAVING – Weather permitting, lane closures may be in place on starting Monday, Nov. 9, for paving on the section of Route 616 (Scruggs Road) between Route 122 and Route 834 (Brooks Mill Road). Work will be performed during daytime hours. Traffic will be controlled with a pilot truck and flaggers. State Police will be on site to direct traffic at the signal at the intersection of Route 122. Delays can be expected.

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*** ROUTE 682 IMPROVEMENTS** – Flaggers may direct traffic at times on Route 682 (Mountain Valley Road) due to road improvements. Drivers should expect possible delays and use caution on weekdays between 7:30 a.m. and 3 p.m.

* ROUTE 718 BRIDGE INSPECTION – Weather permitting, on Friday, Nov. 13, the Route 718 (Colonial Turnpike) bridge over the Pigg River will be inspected. The bridge is located south of Glade Hill. Route 718 will be temporarily closed from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Drivers will need to seek alternate routes.

*** ROUTE 1093 IMPROVEMENTS** – Flaggers may direct traffic at times on Route 1093 (Summer Breeze Road) due to road improvements. Drivers should expect possible delays and use caution on weekdays between 7:30 a.m. and 3 p.m.

* SHOULDER WORK (VARIOUS ROUTES) – Crews will be working on roads shoulders or shoulders between 7:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. on weekdays. Watch for lane or shoulder closures on various secondary routes. Work is scheduled on Route 122 and Route 623 (Prilliman Switch Road/Fairy Stone Park Road).

* BRUSH CUTTING (VARIOUS ROUTES) – Crews will be cutting brush on various roads in Franklin County between 7:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. on weekdays. Watch for flaggers directing traffic and possible lane closures on the following routes:

- Route 220
- Route 662 (Old Salem School Road)
- Route 702 (Farm View Road)
- Route 889 (Glade Creek Road)
- Route 952 (Indian Cave Road)

GILES COUNTY

* ROUTE 460 PAVEMENT REPAIRS – Lane closures will be put in place on Route 460 in Glen Lyn between Route 1308 (Houston Lane) and the West Virginia state line due to work to patch pavement. These lane closures are tentatively scheduled, and work should be completed by Friday, Nov. 13:

- Right lane of westbound Route 460 is currently closed and should reopen on Monday, Nov. 9
- Left lane of westbound Route 460 will be closed Monday, Nov. 9 and Tuesday, Nov. 10
- The right lane of eastbound Route 460 will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 12.

*** ROUTE 460 PAVEMENT MARKING** – Weather permitting, crews will paint pavement markings on eastbound and westbound Route 460 in Giles County. Work may cause periodic mobile lane closures during daylight hours.

HENRY COUNTY

*** ROUTE 220 BUSINESS BRIDGE REPLACEMENT** – Work to replace the Route 220 Business bridge over the railroad tracks is underway. The bridge is located near the Route 87 intersection in Ridgeway. Route 220 Business is closed from Route 639 to Mica Road. Motorists should seek alternate routes around the closure. Drivers should also watch for flaggers on Route 682 at its intersection with Route 701.

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* ROUTE 220 BYPASS BRIDGE INSPECTION – Weather permitting, on Wednesday, Nov. 11, the Route 220 Bypass bridge over the railroad tracks and the Smith River will be inspected. The inspection will cause various lane closures on Route 220 Bypass during the inspection from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

* ROUTE 220 BYPASS BRIDGE INSPECTION – Weather permitting, on Thursday, Nov. 12, the Route 220 Bypass bridge over eastbound Route 57 and Reed Creek will be inspected. The inspection will cause various lane closures on Route 220 Bypass during the inspection from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

*** ROUTE 701 BRIDGE REPLACEMENT** – The Route 701 (Field Avenue) bridge over the Smith River is closed to traffic. The old, iron bridge is located in Fieldale between Route 57 and Route 682 (River Road). The bridge is closed, so it can be demolished and replaced. Traffic is being detoured between Route 701 and Route 57 onto Route 682 and Route 609. To improve traffic flow and reduce congestion, the traffic pattern on the detour route at the intersection of Route 609 (South Daniels Creek Road) and Route 682 has been changed. Traffic on Route 609 is no longer required to stop at its intersection with Route 682. Instead, new stop signs have been installed requiring Route 682 traffic to stop at this intersection. This week, flagging operations will be utilized on Route 57 adjacent to the old bridge on either side of the railroad tracks. Estimated completion is November 2010.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

*** ROUTE 114 WIDENING** – Work continues to widen a section of Route 114 (Peppers Ferry Road) in Christiansburg. The section of Route 114 extends between Stafford Street and Chrisman Mill Road near New River Valley Mall. Work will include widening Route 114 from two lanes to five, with two through lanes in each direction and a center turn lane. Traffic has been switched onto a new section of roadway and drivers should expect possible lane closures between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Shoulder closures are in place. Flaggers may direct traffic during daylight hours. Drivers should watch for new traffic patterns in this work zone.

*** ROUTE 639 RETAINING WALL CONSTRUCTION** – A section of Route 639 (Mount Pleasant Road) in Montgomery County is closed. The 0.2-mile section of Route 639 is located just west of its intersection with Route 637 (Alleghany Springs Road). A retaining wall is being constructed along Elliott Creek. Traffic is being detoured onto Route 638 (Georges Run Road) until the retaining wall is completed.

* ROUTE 460 BUSINESS BRIDGE INSPECTION OVER ROUTE 460 BYPASS – Weather permitting, on Sunday, Nov. 8, the Route 460 Business (South Main Street) bridge over the Route 460 Bypass in Blacksburg will be inspected. The inspection will cause various lane closures on Route 460 Business and the Route 460 Bypass between 7 a.m. and 4 p.m.

PATRICK COUNTY

*** ROUTE 8 CONNECTOR / RYE COVE STREET CLOSURE** – As part of the Route 8 connector construction, a section of Rye Cove Street will be reconfigured and will no longer be a through road. Rye Cove Street (T-1006) between Buena Vista Avenue and Rucker Street in Stuart is permanently closed to through traffic.

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PULASKI COUNTY

* **ROUTE 100 PAVING** – Weather permitting, crews will pave on Route 100 north between Route 759 (CV Jackson Road) and Route 733 (Lillydell Circle). Work will be performed Monday through Friday, between 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. One lane will be closed during operations. Drivers should watch for signs and expect delays.

* **ROUTE 609 BRIDGE REPLACEMENT** – Starting on Monday, Nov. 16, a portion of Route 609 (Pine Run Road) in Pulaski County will be closed to through traffic. Route 609 will be closed at its intersection with Route 100, so the bridge over Pine Run can be replaced. Signs will be in place to detour traffic around this closure onto Route 658 (Delton Road) and Route 654 (Old Baltimore Road) and then onto Route 100. Signs will be in place advising motorists of this detour. Work is expected to be completed and Route 609 reopened to traffic by Monday, Nov. 30.

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